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SUPPLEMENT

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25X1X6 Magdeburg (Y60)

1. [REDACTED] reports that armored troops in the Magdeburg-Drakau (Y60-D69)  
25X1X6 area were returned to Russia in late August and were replaced by an  
artillery unit, in considerable strength, from Zerbst (D98). These  
troops underwent extensive artillery training near Magdeburg; live  
ammunition was employed.

2. [REDACTED] claims that during the same period artillery regiments were  
25X1X6 based in the Magdeburg Artillery Barracks and that they trained with  
German guns J.F.H.18 of 105 mm as well as Pak 75 mm and Flak 88 mm.  
25X1X6 It is believed [REDACTED] that the use of these guns was responsible  
for local rumors that the city was host to a German legion in Russian  
uniforms. According to railroad personnel, part of this unit, also  
equipped with German artillery, was shifted to Kosice (E34), Czechoslo-  
vakia, in early August.

3. [REDACTED] reports the arrival, between 3 and 12 September at Magdeburg-  
25X1X6 Sudenburg, of a unit alleged to be the 158th Guards Armored Division.  
This Division, which is said to have been transferred out of Germany  
in November 1946, arrived from southwest Czechoslovakia via Dresden.  
It is committed to only a short stay in Magdeburg.

Zerbst (D98)

4. [REDACTED] states that the departure of artillery troops (Cf. Para 1)  
25X1X6 was followed by the arrival in Zerbst of approximately 3,000 Soviet  
Air Force troops. The local airfield has been repaired; planes  
observed there were YAK and ME types. Combat practice flights were  
taking place in the area between Zerbst and Magdeburg and live am-  
munition, used against ground and moving targets, produced the usual  
accidents.

Ohdruf (J15) 25X1X6

5. According to [REDACTED], the troop concentration at Ohdruf began to  
dissolve in early September. Between 5 and 15 September, twelve trains  
had departed. Of these, five proceeded towards Dresden and seven,  
loaded chiefly with tanks, towards Altengrabow (800).

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25X1X6 6. Two armored brigades occupied barracks in Jena-Zwätzen and Jena-Löbstedt during early September, says [REDACTED] these were equipped with SU-85's, T-34/85's, JS-I and JS-II tanks, some of which were marked F 4-21-xx, F 4-26-xx, and F 1-08-xx.

7. Also at Jena-Löbstedt in early September was a motorized infantry regiment (Pannergrenadier-Regiment) equipped with infantry guns, AT guns of approximately 75 mm, 80 and 120 mm mortars, and a heavy mortar estimated by Source 2 to be of approximately 200 mm. Two vehicles belonging to this regiment were marked E 6-41-xx and B 6-74-xx.

8. The former "Neben-Zeugamt" in Jena-Löbstedt contains tank ammunition and German optical devices, especially sights for tanks and AT guns. Some of the ammunition has been sent to Ohrdruf, but [REDACTED] claims that no important gunnery practice has been observed at the latter spot.

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Halle (J92)

9. There are only a few artillery troops at the former Flak Barracks in Halle. The Nachrichten Schulen Barracks in Nietleben are being used by remnants of an armored unit who are taking an officers training course and learning to drive JS-I tanks. Vehicle numbers of this unit include F 4-54-xx and F 0-70-xx.

10. An official of the Office for Trade and Supply in Erfurt reports to [REDACTED] that, according to a recent SMA order, all Thuringian farmers must complete their harvesting by 30 September, including crops not normally brought in before late October. All farming machinery must be removed from the fields by that date and no stacks or ricks are to be left standing.

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